

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 266645

53

ORIGIN SCSE-00

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 L-03 H-02 DHA-02 /018 R

DRAFTED BY SCA/SCS/SWMACDONALD/MRER

APPROVED BY SCA/SCS/AAGISE

SCA/SCS/JFHUGHES

SCA/SCS/LWPOLIK

----- 091832

P 111627Z NOV 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 266645

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, MX(DEWEY, GEORGE H.)

SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

GEORGE H. DEWEY

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONGRESSMAN STARK'S OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT HAVE RECEIVED ALLEGATIONS AND COMPLAINTS OF MISTREATMENT OR DENIAL OF RIGHTS IN DEWEY'S CASE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION OR ACTION ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. ACCESS: PER STARK MATERIAL, DEWEY ALLEGES THAT AT TIME OF ARREST ON JANUARY 24, 1974, HE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CONTACT EMBASSY, BUT WAS TOLD HE HAD NO RIGHTS. POST FILES INDICATE DEWEY WAS FIRST VISITED ON JANUARY 30, 1974, FOUR DAYS AFTER STORY OF ARREST APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIAL BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OF EARLY CONSULAR ACCESS IS OF

CONTINUING CONCERN.

3. ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST: IN STARK QUESTIONNAIRE DEWEY ALLEGES HE WAS BEATEN AT THE TIME OF ARREST WHICH RESULTED UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 266645

IN A HEAD CUT. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT THIS COMPLAINT WAS NOT

MADE TO CONOFF AT INITIAL INTERVIEW SIX DAYS FOLLOWING ARREST, NOR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW. LACK OF TIMELY COMPLAINT MAKES VERIFICATION DIFFICULT. UNLESS POST HAS REASON TO BELIEVE HIS ALLEGATION CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED, NO ACTION APPEARS POSSIBLE.

\$. MISTREATMENT IN PRISON: IN STARK QUESTIONNAIRE DATED 9/21/74 DEWEY ALLEGES MISTREATMENT IN PRISON, INCLUDING EXTORTION, BEATINGS AND WORK DETAILS. DEPARTMENT NOTES IN POST FILES A HAND-WRITTEN MEMO FROM DEWEY DATED MAY 1974 IN WHICH HE STATES: "THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS IN THE O DORM. CONDITIONS AND TREATMENT ARE FINE..." DEPARTMENT FURTHER NOTES THAT DEWEY HAS NEVER REGISTERED A COMPLAINT WITH VISITING CONOFF IN REGARD TO HIS TREATMENT IN PRISON. IN ABSENCE OF COMPLAINT, EMBASSY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATION IN HIS BEHALF. WE LOOK TO EMBASSY, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE SEEKING REMEDY GENERAL PROBLEM OF ABUSE OF POWER BY "MAYORES."

5. EXTORTION BY ATTORNEY: DEWEY ALLEGES THAT LIC. JORGE AVILES "STOLE" DOLS 7,500 AND HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY. HE FURTHER STATES THAT HIS RELATIVES PAID DOLS 3,000 TO AVILES, AND THAT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THAT PAYMENT, AVILES DID NOT REAPPEAR OR TAKE ANY ACTION ON HIS BEHALF. PER POST FILES, A MEMO FROM CONOFF ROOT DATED 2/15/74 INDICATES AVILES ADMITTED HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION "DEWEY'S EFFECTS, HIS SUITCASE, CAMERAS, ETC." AND IN A MEMO DATED 2/22/74, ROOT STATES AVILES SAID HE HAD THE SUITCASE "AND DOLS 660 (33 20-DOLLAR BILLS)." DEPARTMENT NOTES, HOWEVER, PER MEMO FROM ROOT TO ASHFORD, DATED 10/3/74, AVILES, AT THAT TIME, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MONEY. POST IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT IF DEWEY WAS SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING THE RETURN OF ANY OF HIS PORPERTY. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TO DEWEY PROCEDURES FOR ACTING AGAINST HIS ATTORNEY.

6. PROLONGED TRIAL DETENTION: DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT IT WAS 20 MONTHS FROM DEWEY'S DATE OF ARREST UNTIL HE WAS SENTENCED. POST FILES INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT DEWEY DID NOT PROVIDE POST WITH AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE HIS NAME UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 266645

ON PROTEST NOTE UNTIL MAY 1975. AS SENTENCING HAS TAKEN PLACE, NO FURTHER ACTION IS SUGGESTED.

7. POST SHOULD CABLE NO LATER THAN 11/24/75 STATUS OF ACTIONS INITIATED OR COMPLETED ON DEWEY. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE266645
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: SCS/SWMACDONALD/MRER
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750392-0186
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751157/aaaabzmmw.tel
Line Count: 112
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SCSE
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 194199
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 NOV 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 NOV 2003 by chicheje>; APPROVED <10 FEB 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO: GEORGE H. DEWEY
TAGS: CASC, MX, (DEWEY, GEORGE H)
To: MEXICO
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006